

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No. : 09/297,774  
Inventor(s) : Kimio Ueda et al  
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Art Unit : 3761  
Examiner : Michele M. Kidwell  
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Confirmation No. : 1243  
Customer No. : 27752  
Title : ABSORBENT ARTICLE HAVING SOFT CLOTHLIKE BACKSHEET

REPLY AFTER 1<sup>ST</sup> OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 CFR §1.111(b)

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

The Director is hereby authorized to charge all required fees (including any extension of time fees) and to credit any overpayments in this and any concurrent or future correspondence to Deposit Account No. 16-2480.

In response to the Office Action of December 28, 2011, please consider the following remarks and reconsider the application.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

*Remarks* begin on page 2 of this paper.